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## Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The solution can further comprise a surfactant. The surfactant can be, for example, lecithin, or a Tween®, or Span™. In preferred embodiments, the Tween® is Tween® 85 and the Span™ is Span™ 20. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In preferred embodiments, a food grade surfactant is added to aid in adhesion of the film-forming agent. A surfactant can improve the adhesion by making up for polymer immobility at the surface. A polymer can make a more stable interface than a surfactant; however, the surfactant can get to the surface more quickly and establish an interface. Ethoxylates such as TWEEN® and sorbitan esters such as Span™ can be used. Lecithin, TWEEN® 85, and Span™ 20 are food grade surfactants that have been tested and work in the methods of the invention. The compositions may further comprise a plasticizer. Glycerol is a preferred plasticizer in these methods, however, other plasticizers, such as polyethylene glycol, can be used. --